

## Message Text

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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1873  
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STATE FOR CU; USIA FOR IEU

E.O. 11652: N/A  
SUBJECT: EXCHANGES

REF: STATE 178140

1. POST AGREES THAT FORMAL CULTURAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN US AND YUGOSLAVIA NEITHER DESIRABLE NOR NECESSARY. WE BELEIVE BULAJIC SIMPLY USED INITIAL MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR TO REITERATE LONG STANDING WISH OF GOY TO CONCLUDE NEAT, TIDY FORMAL AGREEMENT WITH USA AS WE ARE VIRTUALLY ONLY COUNTRY WITH WHICH YUGOSLAVS LACK SUCH AN AGREEMENT.

2. ALTHOUGH BULAJIC PITCH FOR AGREEMENT NO DOUBT BASED ON GENUINE GOY DESIRE TO HAVE QUOTE PROOTCOL END QUOTE, ANOTHER EQUALLY COMPELLING REASON FOR BRINGING UP QUESTION IS FINANCIAL ONE. YUGOSLAVS HAVE ADMITTED THAT LACK OF AGREEMENT MAKES IT INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT OBTAIN FUNDS FROM CONTRIBUTING REPUBLICS TO SUPPORT FULL RANGE OF CULTURAL ACTIVITIES. POST THINKS THIS IS REAL PROBLEM AND NOT MERE SUBTERFUGE.

3. BULAJIC SUGGESTION OF ARRANGING EXCHANGE OF DELEGA-  
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TIONS TO DUSCUSS FUTURE CULTURAL COOPERATION NOT WITHOUT MERIT. WE AGREE SUCH VISITS SHOULD NOT BE INSTITUTIONALIZED, BUT AT SAME TIME THINK AGREEMENT TO DISCUSS QUESTION WOULD BE SEEN BY YUGOSLAV SIDE AS EXPRESSION OF GOOD WILL AND UNDERSTANDING ON OUR PART. SUGGEST DEPARTMENT CONSIDER COORDINATING BELGRADE VISITS OF RICHMOND AND WHEELER, POSSIBLY ADDING REPRESENTATIVE FROM BFS/CIES,

TO DISCUSS FUTURE ACADEMIC/CULTURAL EXCHANGES AS PROPOSED  
BY BULAJIC. MID-OCTOBER DATE CONVENIENT WITH YUGOSLAVS  
IF PROPOSAL ACCEPTABLE TO AMERICAN SIDE.

4. POST WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S REACTION AND COMMENTS.

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